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1. Production is supposed to begin on a new cellulose factory at Szolnok in September 1953. The area of construction is being guarded.
2. In order to relieve Hungary's considerable shortage, cellulose is to be produced from straw, according to new processes worked out in the USSR and East Germany. At present Hungary imports each year 350,000 tons of wood, 80 percent of it from [redacted] Yugoslavia, and 10,000 tons of paper, 40 percent [redacted].
3. The plan calls for a seven or eight-story building, in three sections. It will be equipped with modern machinery from Czechoslovakia and East Germany. The baths and presses will have a capacity of 200 cubic m. The work force is to consist of three shifts of 80 each. The paper factory already at Szolnok will take over most of the production.
4. The factory is outside Szolnok on the bank of the Tisza. Foundation work, which began in 1952, encountered ground water and pumps had to be installed.

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